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Satellite Town on H.D. Kote Road

Villagers of D. Salundi, Doddahundi, Kere Hundi and Dhanagalli seen submitting memorandums to MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev at a function held at D. Salundi this morning.

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (RKB & SSV)- A new Satellite Town will come up in Mysuru on Heggadadevanakote (H.D. Kote) Road or Manandavadi Road. Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is ready to develop the Satellite Town if over 500-acre land is available on the Mysuru-Manandavadi Road.

This was announced by MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev while attending a meeting of farmers and land owners this morning at Murada Basaveshwaraswamy Temple at D. Salundi where people had come from villages including Doddahundi and Kere Hundi. Rajeev informed the farmers that a Satellite Town will boost development on the H.D. Kote Road.

"The Satellite Town will be developed by MUDA and the land will be acquired on 50:50 ratio where MUDA and farmers will share the benefits equally. Land losers will get sites in the Satellite Town. I am happy that there is no opposition from farmers of Doddahundi village, Kere Hundi, Dhanagalli and D. Salundi to part with their land. Those who give land voluntarily will get 50 per cent of sites. The rest will be sold by MUDA," Rajeev told the farmers.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said that MUDA is ready to form Satellite Town if a big chunk of land (around 500 acres) is available in 10 km to 12 km vicinity of the city. Around 7,500 sites of various dimensions could be formed. "Even joint venture projects-involving farmers and MUDA can be taken up if 10 acres of land is available within the city limits and on big land (above 25 acres) after Ring Road. MUDA is ready to develop new satellite towns and layouts provided farmers partner with the urban body," he said.

Rajeev said that MUDA doors are always open to farmers and it should become 'Farmers' MUDA'. Farmers have a wrong notion that the MUDA is not for them. "I want you to come to us. Let us sit, discuss and take up joint venture projects. You will get 50 percent of formed sites," he said.

Responding to felicitation by people of four villages, Rajeev said this was his first visit to any village after taking over as MUDA Chairman. All facilities will be provided to those villages on priority. While all villages on Mysuru-Bengaluru, Mysuru-Madikeri and Mysuru-KRS Road are developed, no village on Mysuru-Manandavadi Road has seen any development. There is a need to take up development of this side of the city by forming new Satellite Town and layouts, he added.

Rock python caught at Kuvempunagar

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (MTY&BCT)- An eight-feet long Indian Rock Python was caught at Kuvempunagar last night. The snake had crossed a road inside the E&F Block and had taken shelter under a bush. While snakes of different species have been caught inside the city, it is probably for the first time that a python has been caught inside a residential area in the recent past.

The snake was spotted slithering on the road at around 9.30-10 pm by Ramesh and his friend Jagadish while they were walking on the road in Kuvempunagar E&F Block, opposite Kuvempu Cable Network. It was over seven to eight feet. They got scared as it was a giant snake. The road is usually busy too and last night was no different.

Soon, people gathered at the place and the snake entered a 80X100 vacant site that was full of wild growth. People called former Corporator Balasubramanya, also popular as Snake Shyam, who told them that looking by the description, it might be a viper but not a python. But people told him that it was a giant snake and it had entered the vacant site. Snake Shyam rushed to the spot along with his son Suryakeerthi. As the area was pitch dark and no torches were available at that point of time, people and walkers flashed lights from their mobile phones.

(See PYTHON on page 6)

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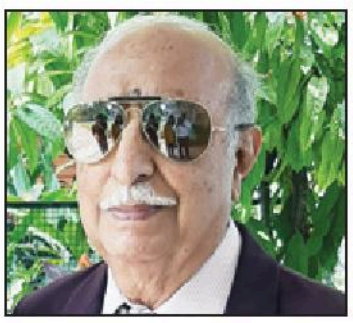
Former Mysore Race Club

Chairman Dr. Srinivas passes away

Mysuru, Sept. 13- Dr. N.M. Srinivas (82), former Chairman of Mysore Race Club (MRC) and Mysore Race Club Charitable Trust, passed away this morning in city.

He was also a tennis player and former President of Mysore Tennis Club at Chamarajapuram here.

A resident of Yadavagiri, he leaves behind his son and a host of relatives and friends.



Dr. N.M. Srinivas

Last rites were performed today in city, according to sources.

To Our Readers

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	637
Total positive cases	:	25,086
Discharges yesterday	:	565
Total discharges	:	17,490
Deaths yesterday	:	14
Total deaths	:	576
Total active cases	:	7,020

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 13th September 2020

Admission to free hostels run by JSS Mahavidyapeetha

Mysuru, Sept.13- JSS Mahavidyapeetha has invited applications from eligible students for admission to **JSS Anathalaya** on B. Rachaiah Double Road, Chamarajanagar, for the year 2020-21. Fifth to tenth standard students enrolled in Government affiliated schools are eligible to apply. Free food and boarding facility will be provided to all inmates. Duly filled application forms can be submitted to the Hostel Warden. For details, call Mob: 98805-01947.

Applications are invited from eligible students for admission to **Sri Basaveshwara Anathalaya** located at Shivapura village, Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district, for the year 2020-21.

Students must be studying in classes 5th to 10th std. in schools recognised by the Government. Students will be provided free food and boarding facility. For details, call Hostel Warden Shantamallesh on Mob: 97426-36465.

Admission is also being done at **Sri Basaveshwara Hostel** in Bachahalli village of Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar. Students who have secured admission for classes 5 to 10 in Government recognised schools are eligible to apply. For more details, call Mob: 95385-80345.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha has also invited applications from eligible students for admission to **Basaveshwara Hostel** at Vaddagere in Gundlupet taluk. Children who have enrolled for classes 5 to 10 are eligible to apply for this free hostel.

The application forms can be collected from the Hostel warden. For more details, call Mob: 63602-56679, according to a press release.

Rangayana to recruit theatre teachers for Ranga Shaale

Mysuru, Sept. 13- Ranga Shaale, a theatre education centre established by Rangayana ten years ago, which offers one-year Diploma course in Theatre Education, has invited applications from eligible candidates for two theatre teacher posts for 2020-21 on a temporary basis. The candidate should be a Graduate / Diploma holder in Theatre Education from any National / State level theatre school, preferably with experience as teacher in a theatre school. Applications should be submitted before Sept. 21 to the Director, Rangayana, Mysuru. Desiring candidates are requested to attend the interview to be held at Rangayana, Mysuru along with all necessary original documents on Sept. 23 at 10.30 am. Applications can be downloaded from Rangayana website *www.rangayana.org*.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The young are usually looking for fun, enjoyment and good times. They want to be stress-free. Success, happiness and fulfilling relationships are on their wish list. They do have the passion, energy and enthusiasm to back their pursuits. If these are directed properly, the young achieve miracles. Yet, there are worrying signals. Depression is increasingly striking the young. Enduring relationships are becoming rare. Stress and anxiety are taking a toll. Is there a vital piece missing? The *Bhagvad Gita* ***is a compilation of laws on the inner personality. Though ancient, it is relevant and applicable at all times, to all people, everywhere. It enables the young to achieve their goals. The*** *Gita* ***reveals the secret of enjoyment where the joy content does not diminish. No limits, no taboos; you can enjoy everything the world offers, without guilt. It also introduces you to higher avenues of joy and contentment. The*** *Gita* ***helps remove stress, anxiety, worry and trauma. It explains the nature of the world, your nature and how to establish frictionless contact with the world.*** *— Jaya Row in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tourist fined for taking white sand from Italian beach

Sardinia: A French tourist was fined $1,200 for attempting to smuggle more than 4 pounds of Sardinia's famous white sand out of the country. Sardinia's Forest Rangers said the tourist was stopped at Cagliari Elmas Airport and ordered to pay the fine after a bottle containing 4.4 pounds of sand was found in his possession.

"The bottle was confiscated and is in now in our operating room where we hold these confiscated items," a spokesman for the Forest Rangers told CNN.

A regional law introduced in 2017 made it illegal to take sand from Sardinia's beaches, with fines ranging from $600 to $3,550 depending on the amount of sand taken and where it was taken from.

Anglers reel in live pipe bombs from river

California: Two anglers fishing in a California river ended up calling the authorities when they reeled in a pair of particularly deadly catches - homemade pipe bombs. John Kenyon said he was fishing with family members on the Sacramento River, near the mouth of Battle Creek, when he reeled in an unexpected object.

Kenyon said he was in the process of calling the Shasta County Sheriff's Office when a nearby fisherman called out. "He yelled at me and said, 'it's another bomb,'" Kenyon said.

Kenyon said he believes the bombs were likely thrown into the water by other anglers. "I think that they're trying to blow up salmon, knocking them out and having them float up and taking them," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the recommendation for sugar consumption?

Physicians suggest that American women should consume no more than 100 calories per day from added sugars. Men: No more than 150 calories. Average daily sugar consumption for American males 2-19 years: 320 calories; females: 304 calories.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	193
Total positive cases	:	8,015
Total discharges	:	5,714
Total deaths	:	86
Total active cases	:	2,215

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	60
Total positive cases	:	2,942
Total discharges	:	2,519
Total deaths	:	52
Total active cases	:	360

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	27
Total positive cases	:	1,908
Total discharges	:	1,572
Total deaths	:	26
Total active cases	:	310

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	324
Total positive cases	:	11,530
Total discharges	:	8,465
Total deaths	:	231
Total active cases	:	2,834

Really...?

- *There are two main types of lobster species: clawed and spiny lobsters. Clawed lobsters have a pincer and crusher claw which can be on either the left or right, dependent on the lobster. Spiny lobsters do not have claws but have very large antenna and a harder shell than clawed lobsters.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

He was billed as the greatest sword-swallower of all time, but when he showed up it was with somewhat smaller items. "I thought you were a sword swallower," said the Manager, "These are pins and needles." "I know," said the sword-swallower adding "I am on a diet !!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.48
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.01
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.01
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.05

VOICE OF THE READER

Reviving Traditional Oil Press

Sir,

This refers to the valuable article on traditional oil press (*SOM* dated Sept. 6) and kudos to M. Kamlesh who is trying to rejuvenate a cottage industry which is almost dead. It is all the more impressive that having an M.Tech degree in his hand he decided to get into a traditional craft.

The effort of Kamlesh reminds me of an era in India around 1970s when some top scientists from Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) and also at CFTRI went into several traditional technologies to make them more efficient and productive. They were driven by a mission to improve the rural economy and rural life in general.

People like Prof. Amulya Reddy used to ask a simple question which left many people dumb. For instance he would say while bullock carts were widely used means of transport all over the country and perhaps second to the Indian Railways but if he were to ask what was the distribution of load in a bullock cart or area of friction in it, no answer would be forthcoming.

But if similar questions were to be asked about an automobile, sure any student of automobile industry would readily answer or any library would be able to provide a lot of references about it. But if he wanted to improve an efficiency of a bullock cart or make an attempt to reduce the load on bullocks he would not have any choice but either go to a village craftsmen or he should himself study the technology scientifically.

Obviously his message was that the scientists in India have not found it worthwhile to give a serious and professional look at the variety of traditional technologies which still continue to be used.

The irony was and continues to be so that many of the technologies were economically, socially and culturally vital for the rural folks yet modern science decided to look the other way. Majority of those technologies were eco-friendly and made maximum use of the local resources. Alas, in the mad rush for modernisation and westernisation, we overlooked our own strength.

In CFTRI, a group of scientists became seriously concerned as how to raise the efficiency of rural technologies so that their income improves. Such concerns led a group at CFTRI to develop a low cost machine to make leaf cups and leaf plates which in course of time also became commercially viable.

Yes, once upon a time there were a variety of oils extracted from locally grown seeds in India for consumption as well as for ritual activities. Consequently there were different types of oil presses in India designed by local craftsmen keeping in view the local resources and traditions.

The onset of machine pressed oil not only destroyed the regional oil press technologies but also cultivation of a variety of local seeds. Looked from this angle the plunge that an M.Tech student has taken to revive the traditional oil press is to be given full support and encouragement.

While without any break we keep on singing paeans of diversity of India but in practice we continue to systematically destroy it and also overlook its vitality.

—P.K. Misra

J.P. Nagar
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Six girl students march into all-boys Kodagu Sainik School

Kushalnagar, Sept. 13 (Akshay &BCT)- The Sainik School at Koodige in Somwarpet taluk of Kodagu district has made a historic change in its admission procedure by admitting girl students for the first time since its establishment. The school has so far remained strictly all-boys institution.

Six girl students have secured admission to sixth standard after rigorous entrance and medical tests. They will be treated as boarders and will stay inside the campus once the academic year starts after the Centre relaxes COVID-19 unlock rules for educational institutions.

Sainik schools were established in 1951 with the aim of reducing the regional and class gaps among officers in the Indian Military. Sainik School in Kodagu is the 22nd Sainik School in the country and the second in Karnataka. It was established on Oct. 18, 2007. There are 25 such schools in the country now.

The Kodagu School comes under the purview of Karnataka State Government and Ministry of Defence and is administered by a Local Board of Administrators. Col. G. Kannan is the Principal of the School while Lt. Col. Seema Tripathi is the Vice-Principal.

The school trains its students in overall development while providing quality education and creating a consciousness of national integration. For admission to Class 6, child should be between 10 and 12 years, and for admission to Class 9, child should be between 13 and 15 years.

Though Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had given a nod to allow girls to take admission in these schools from 2017 onwards, the process began in 2018 with Sainik School in Chhingchhip in Mizoram becoming the first school to admit girls. Later the process began in other schools.

The six girls who have secured admission for Kodagu Sainik School were selected from a group of 455 students who wrote the All India Sainik School Entrance Examination (AISSEE). In all, 8 students have secured admission and two will be day scholars. The remaining six will stay inside the school campus. They are **Deepa Ullagaddi, G.N. Priyanka, Haripriya Suresh Savadi, Tripti Kumari, Vanishree** and **Sanjana. Avni Avasthi** and **Vaishnavi Yeddula** will be day scholars.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Vice-Principal Lt. Col. Seema Tripathi said that 10 percent of class strength will be reserved for girls. Each class has 85 students. "It will be the first batch for us and we are all eager to receive and train them to be Army officers. Infrastructure like hostel rooms, indoors and game rooms have been created in the Administrative Block and staff like lady warden, lady nurse and one lady employee have been appointed," she said.

"We want to make the girls feel at home. At the same time we understand that they will need some extra attention, care and counselling. We are prepared for it. The school has sent a proposal to the Government for an exclusive dormitory/ hostel for girls as the strength will increase from next year," Lt. Col. Seema Tripathi said.

While the academic activities will be the same for boys and girls, there will be some relaxations to girls when it comes to physical activities. "At present, we are holding daily online classes for all students in the absence of regular classroom atmosphere. But a strict 'no gadget day' is observed on Sundays," she added.

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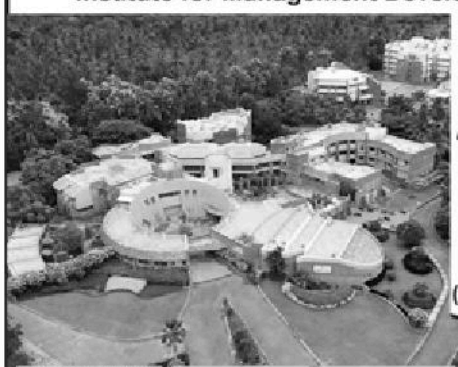

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Govt. hikes ex-gratia for Forest personnel

Bengaluru, Sept. 13 (SSV)- The State Govt. has hiked ex-gratia given to Forest Department personnel who die on duty from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh with an immediate effect, according to Forest Minister Anand Singh. Speaking at a function organised in connection with Forest Martyrs Day at Aranya Bhavan here on Friday, he said that a fund has been created to observe the Forest Martyrs Day and so far, Rs. 20,64,842 had been collected. It will be used on the dependents of martyrs.

Singh said, "protection of flora and fauna was not only the responsibility of Forest Dept. but also of the citizens. In democracy, social justice could be ensured if all three pillars of Constitution, Legislature, Judiciary and Executive, worked together."

NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar: Entries invited

Karnataka Rajya Shivarchaka Pragatipara Sangha, having office at Second Cross, Shankar Mutt Road, K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru, has invited applications from meritorious Shivarchaka community students who have scored over 75 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2019-20), for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Last date to apply is Sept. 30. For details, contact Mob: 99458-96702 or 99012-41242 or 99643-65072, according to a press release from the Sangha.

Animals adoption continues at Zoo

The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: C.H. Sahishnu Nagesh, Bengaluru - Grey Parrot (Rs.2,000), Kiran Sahadev, Mysuru - 2 Peacocks (Rs.7,000), T.R. Yashaswini, Mysuru, Mottled Wood Owl (Rs. 3,500), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

City lecturer selected for award

N.R. Roopashri, a lecturer and a poetess of the city, has been selected for Sharada Ramalingappa Endowment Award (2019) instituted by Kannada Sahitya Parishat. Roopashri, an Economics Lecturer at Jayalakshmidevi PU College, Mysuru, has bagged the award for her work 'Ninna Preetiya Neralalli.' She has many other works to her credit. Earlier, she had bagged Gudibande Poornima Endowment Award.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	124.53 ft
Inflow	6,113 cusecs
Outflow	5,418 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,283.84 ft
Inflow	6,797 cusecs
Outflow	3,813 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.42 ft
Inflow	1,976 cusecs
Outflow	1,200 cusecs

MLA GTD hears public grievances

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (SBD&DM)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) on Friday visited several Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Wards coming under his constituency and heard grievances from the public.

He later held a public grievances meeting at the Park in Bogadi Second Stage coming under MCC Ward No. 44.

During the meeting, the public appealed the MLA to develop parks in the locality, widen Bogadi Main Road and address drinking water issues.

Devegowda directed the officials to prepare an estimate for park and circle development and asked Police to remove barricades on Bogadi Main Road.

The MLA also assured that the drinking water pipeline works will be taken up soon as the tender process completes.

Later, Devegowda inaugurated the new Rest Room at Subbarao Park in Nivedithanagar coming under MCC Ward 45.

The citizens appealed the MLA to address issues concerning bus shelters, circles development, swimming pool, Underground Drainage (UGD) and Health Centres, following which GTD directed the officials to submit a report on the status of development works being taken up in the Ward.

Corporators Savitha Suresh, Nirmala Harish, Sharath Kumar and Lakshmi Kiran, leaders Jagadish, Umashankar, Suresh, Ramesh, Jairam, Kumar, K.G. Koppal Shekar, Manu Gowda and others were present.

Bhoomi Puja performed for martyr H. Guru Memorial at Maddur

Maddur, Sept. 13 (A. Satish)- More than a year and a half after army Jawan from Maddur H. Guru was killed in the Pulwama attack that took place in Feb. 2019, Maddur MLA D.C. Thammanna performed *Bhoomi Puja* (ground-breaking ceremony) for the martyr's Memorial near Mellahalli on Maddur-Malavalli Road here on Friday, where the Government has allotted six guntas of land.

H.Guru

Speaking on the occasion, Thammanna, also a former Minister, said that H. Guru Memorial is being built at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh.

Stating that there are plans for reserving five to 10 acres of land in Maddur taluk for construction of Memorials for Jawans from Maddur who die while in service, he said that he will appeal the Government for making H. Guru Memorial into a tourist destination.

He pointed out that the previous Coalition Government had decided to construct the Memorial at the site where the last rites of martyred Jawan H. Guru were performed.

Referring to the disharmony between Guru's mother and wife that cropped up following Guru's death, he said that it was heartening to note that the mother and wife of H. Guru jointly performed puja to the Memorial. He asked the two to stay together in a harmonious manner forever.

JD(S) leaders Chikkathimmegowda, Devarahalli Venkatesh, H.M. Marimadegowda, H. Guru's parents Honnaiah and Chikkathayamma, wife Kalavathi, brothers and other leaders were present during the occasion.

App-based crop survey compulsory from next year, says Minister

B.C. Patil

Bengaluru, Sept. 13- Maintaining that App-based crop survey has been introduced on an experimental basis this year, Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil said that the App-based survey will be made mandatory from next year.

Speaking at a meeting with Agriculture officers from all districts at Kuvempu Auditorium in GKVK campus here on Friday, Patil said, this year, the implementation of App-based survey has been hit by technical hurdles and heavy rains. But this survey has been successful in most parts of the State, he said and added that officials must motivate farmers for taking up App-based crop survey.

Pointing out that farmers should conduct App-based crop survey for availing Government benefits, the Minister said that the State has recorded 101 percent sowing because of copious rainfall this year, which has brought relief to the Department.

DC warns of action against assault on doctors and medical staff

Mysuru, Sept. 13- Following complaints of assault by some members of the public on doctors and other medical staff during the mass Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) being carried out by the DHO, DC B. Sharat has warned of stern action against miscreants who assault doctors and medical staff.

Noting that the attack on doctors is a serious offence, the District Administration will take severe action against the assaulters, according to a press release.

Man commits suicide in city

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (MK&KS)- A 35-year-old man, who was said to be mentally depressed, committed suicide by hanging self at his residence in Devaraja Mohalla on Thursday.

The deceased is Santosh, a financier at Devaraja Mohalla.

Santosh was said to be mentally depressed since a few days and took the extreme step in the early hours on Thursday, according to the complaint lodged by the deceased's elder brother Prashant. A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station.

Woman goes missing

Gowri

Mysuru, Sept. 13- In the continuous spate of people going missing, a 29-year old married woman has gone missing from the city since July 6.

Gowri, wife of one Nanjunda of Manasinagar in Sathagalli B-Zone, who left the house on the morning of July 6, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by her husband Nanjunda at Mysuru South Police Station.

Gowri is 5 ft. tall, wheatish in complexion, oval faced and was wearing a green and blue coloured nightie, when she was last seen on July 6. She speaks Kannada, Tamil and Telugu.

Those coming across any clues about the said missing woman, can contact Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2444800 or 2444955 or Mob: 94808-05045, according to a press release.

COVID-19 vaccine trials to resume after DCGI nod, says Serum Institute

No reports of adverse events after Covishield vaccine was administered at JSS Medical College

New Delhi, Sept. 13 (Agencies)- The Serum Institute of India will resume clinical trials of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine candidate — Covishield — after getting the permission from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), the Pune-based vaccine maker said yesterday. Pharma giant AstraZeneca said that clinical trials for the AstraZeneca Oxford Coronavirus vaccine, AZD1222, have resumed in the UK following confirmation by the Medicines Health Regulatory Authority (MHRA) that the trials were safe.

"Once DCGI will give us the permission to restart the trials in India, we will resume the trials," Serum Institute of India (SII) said in a statement. In a tweet, SII CEO Adar Poonawalla said: "As I'd mentioned earlier, we should not jump to conclusions until the trials are fully concluded. The recent chain of events is a clear example why we should not bias the process and should respect the process till the end. Good news, @UniofOxford."

The human trials resumed days after a pause had been announced in the trials after an adverse reaction in one of the participants. Following the suspension, the DCGI directed Serum Institute of India to suspend till further orders of new recruitment in phase 2 and 3 clinical trials of the vaccine candidate.

A file photo of clinical trials being conducted at JSS Hospital in Mysuru.

Three COVID-19 vaccines are ahead in the race in India. Serum Institute's vaccine is in phase 2(B) and phase 3 trials and Bharat Biotech and Zydus Cadila's vaccines have completed phase 1 trial.

—Prof. Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR

AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford, as the trial sponsor, on Saturday said that they cannot disclose further medical information but confirmed that independent investigations concluded that the trials were safe to restart.

Trials at JSS Hospital

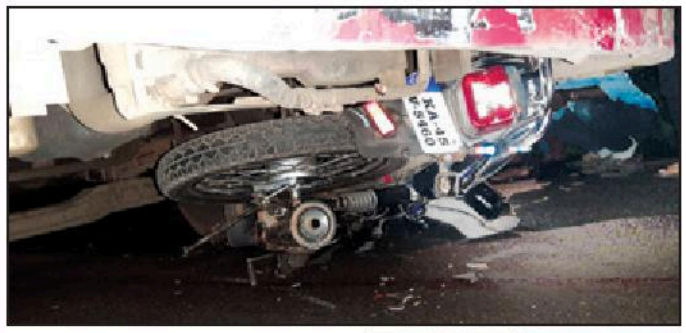
Meanwhile, the clinical trials of Covishield are continuing unhindered at JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSSAHER) in Mysuru. The vaccine has been administered to about 25 volunteers at JSS Hospital in the phase two trials that began on Aug. 29.

According to JSS Hospital sources there have been no reports of adverse events after the vaccine was administered. Mysuru-based JSS Hospital and Medical College is among the 17 centres that have been selected in India for clinical trials of the potential vaccine.

The data collected from the volunteers will be collated at the end of 28 days before phase three trials are taken up. After continuously monitoring the volunteers for fever, allergy or any side effects, the data will be sent to **Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR).**

Phase three of the trials is yet to start at JSS Hospital. The DGCI gives approval for phase three only after analysing the phase two data, which will be available by the end of this month, sources added.

Two killed as KSRTC bus rams into bike



Hunsur, Sept. 13 (Raghu& KS)- Two persons were killed when a speeding KSRTC bus reportedly rammed into the bike they were riding near Yashodhapura village on Hunsur Road in city last night.

The deceased are Shivaraj Gowda (30) and Karthik (20), both residents of Yashodhapura village.

According to the complaint lodged at Hunsur Rural Police Station, the KSRTC bus (KA-09-F-5319) coming from Madikeri side and driven in a rash and negligent manner, rammed into the Hero Honda Splendor bike (KA-45-V-5460) which was moving ahead of the bus at about 8.15 pm resulting in Shivaraj Gowda and Karthik suffering serious injuries.

It is learnt that Shivaraj died on the spot, while Karthik breathed his last on the way to a hospital.

The bus driver, after committing the accident, fled from the spot after leaving the bus behind, the complaint stated. Hunsur Rural Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Install speed-breakers

It may be recalled that villagers had alleged that accidents involving KSRTC buses were frequent on this road and had demanded speed-breakers at vantage points on the road which is yet to be considered.

The villagers have once again appealed the authorities concerned to install speed-breakers to prevent accidents in future.

Obituary

C.R. Prabhadevi

Mysuru, Sept. 13- C.R. Prabhadevi (73), a retired teacher of Srikantha Girls High School and a resident of Jayanagar 5th Main, 10th Cross, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her brother Advocate C.R. Sathyaprakash and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Shiney Koreya

Shiney Koreya (49), a teacher of a private school and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind her husband Charles D'Souza, son Rohan D'Souza and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held today.

Shivaji Rao Pawar

Shivaji Rao Pawar (64), former Corporator, Congress leader and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed yesterday.

Papanna

Papanna (41), a resident of St. Mary's Road in N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his mother, younger brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at N.R. Mohalla Burial Grounds today.

Dr. H.T. Venkatesh

Dr. H.T. Venkatesh (68), a retired Medical Officer and a resident of SBM Colony near Vivekanandanagar, passed away at a private hospital in city on Thursday, following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar, according to family sources.

Bandipur contract employee dies after drinking water tanker turns turtle

He was among others transporting water to Anti-Poaching Camp when the accident took place

Palani

Gundlupet, Sept. 13 (MTY& KS)- A 53-year-old contract employee at Bandipur Tiger Reserve died at a hospital after the tractor, which was supplying drinking water to an Anti-Poaching Camp (APC), turned turtle last afternoon.

The deceased is Palani, who was working at Bandipur Tiger Reserve since about 10-15 years.

Last afternoon, Palani, along with Ravi, Jayappa and driver Bomma, were proceeding on Bandipur-Mudimalai Road to supply drinking water to the APC at Olalallare, when the driver of the tractor lost control of the tractor at a slope, resulting in the vehicle turning turtle. Palani, who came under the tractor, when it turned turtle, suffered serious injuries and was being rushed to Gundlupet General Hospital, where he breathed his last midway. Luckily, Bomma, Ravi and Jayappa escaped with minor injuries. Post-mortem was performed last evening and the body was handed over to the family members, who performed the last rites yesterday.

Meanwhile, Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Balachandra, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that the Forest Department lost a good employee and added that Palani's family members would be getting Rs. 6 lakh Insurance amount and Rs. 4 lakh PF amount. He further said that it is for the first time in the State that contract employees are covered with insurance and provided PF facility besides stating that there were 222 contract employees at Bandipur who are covered with insurance and with PF facility.

A few contract employees said that the State Government provides a compensation of Rs. 30 lakh to permanent employees, who die while on duty and added that though they work on par with permanent employees, they do not get all facilities provided to permanent employees and urged the Government to consider them as permanent employees and provide all facilities.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking — 9

S.G. Sanath Kumar, Head Master of Hardwicke High School

S.G. Sanath Kumar

A view of Hardwicke High School, Mysuru.

It was a time *Star of Mysore* was catching the imagination of its readers and its circulation was gradually soaring. With my wife and child in Kodagu, I was finding life here difficult so also my lecturer wife-mother. None of my politician-friends was of any help. It was then my brother, Dr. K.B. Subbaiah, suggested that I meet S.G. Sanath Kumar whom he knew well as a Rotarian and also as a member of the Mission Hospital Administrative Committee and try my luck. I was not a Rotarian then.

One evening I went to his house, *Noah's Ark,* apparently the bungalow belonging to the nearby Hardwicke High School he was working in. He was in his *Durbar* of a sort in the outer verandah. Four or five friends sitting around a table were playing cards and having rum to enhance the spirit of the evening. Sanath's wife Meena was a Teacher of Teachers, teaching in some Teacher's Training School or College.

A wonderful, graceful and lovable lady, I was told that she was a very good cook. I had a proof of her culinary skills when Sanath poured me a drink and two chicken items, steaming hot, came from inside the house. One among the friends, a lecturer or a teacher, seemed to have mastered the *Sarvajnapada* and some Quartets of *Mankuthimmana Kagga* by DVG. Sanath wanted me to hear his friend recite them. Of course, his friend readily obliged. I uttered some platitudes in admiration of this talent, though I knew very little of these Kannada literary masterpieces.

After a while I broached the subject of transfer and I was asked to see him (Sanath) in the Head Master's Office the following day. Well, I thought my job was done. I was there on time and he was more interested in showing me the improvement he had made to the School, specially the electronic system of communication provided to each class room and replacing of the traditional School bell with the modern etc., etc. He was a good host. Tea and biscuits came and after over an hour of School inspection, I wrote details about the transfer and gave it to him. He was a name-dropper and mentioned how difficult it was... I stopped contacting him. It was then GTN (G.T. Narayana Rao) came to my office like a Good Samaritan.

Thereafter, we used to meet often in Sports Club and Rotary Club. For those days, Sanath was a familiar person in the city social circles. He was also close to Farrokh Irani. I remember him donning the attire of Father Christmas (Santa Claus), making himself beyond recognition and moving around in the Sports Club dancing hall and the dining area distributing gifts to children for so many years. Apparently, he loved playing this role.

He was quite enterprising in managing the affairs of the School. During his time Hardwicke School got good name and was much in demand. Many parents from Kodagu, Chikkamagalur and Mandya would plead with him to give admission to their children. Sanath's name and fame as a strict teacher and a disciplinarian was legendary. Parents wanted to put their 'difficult' children in the hostel he was managing. No wonder, he was the recipient of many awards, including the State Awards as the Best Head Master. He was the Correspondent for all the 35 Churches of South India (CSI) Schools in Mysuru and Mandya Districts for many years.

Though retired from Hardwicke High School in 1984, he was active in the field of education as a member of the Rotary. He was a Founder-Member of the famous Ideal Jawa Rotary Children's School and later in 1988 he was instrumental in starting the Ideal Jawa Rotary High School and was its Secretary-Correspondent from 1988 to 2004 running the School with distinction. Well, somehow, after he left, the High School began its descent and now closed.

Needless to say, he was a member of Mysore Race Club (MRC), Mysore Sports Club, Cosmopolitan Club (CC) and JW Golf Club (JWGC).

One evening I was having a drink with Sanath and a couple of friends in the Sports Club. During a conversation he mentioned of his interest in *shikar* and knowledge of guns. Since my double barrel gun was under repair I asked him if he could find a person in Mysore to repair it, as otherwise I had to take the gun to Bangalore Gun House on M.G. Road. He immediately suggested 'Annachari Gunsmith,' a shop on Irwin Road where guns were repaired by one expert.

Sanath passed away in 2014, at the age of 86 — a life of service to society, a life well-lived.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 8 on Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao (GTN) was published on Sept. 6. Watch out for Nostalgically Speaking - 10 on Azeez Sait - Tallest Minority Leader of Mysore City, State, next week.*—**Ed**

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Webinars to mark Engineers' Day

Mysuru, Sept. 13- The Department of Mechanical Engineering of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) has organised a Webinar on 'Importance of an Engineer for a Nation' on Sept. 15 at 3 pm through an online platform.

The resource person is **D. Sudhanva,** Managing Director, Excelsoft Technologies Private Limited, Mysuru.

Profile

D. Sudhanva established Excelsoft as a technology company focusing on innovative technology-enabled solutions in the education space.

Sudhanva, born and brought up in Mysuru, is an Engineering graduate and MEM from Mysore University, MS from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA. An Instrumentation Engineer, taught for a short period in a US University and returned to work for companies such as Kirloskar and Wipro. He was a Senior Consultant to the World Bank and has been a member of several Advisory Committees, Boards of Studies and Academic Councils of several Universities and institutions.

The Webinar shall be conducted through Google Meet. It is open for all. There is no registration fee. However, the participants should register initially and all registered attendees will get an e-certificate.

Interested may contact Co-ordinators Dr. K.B. Vinay on Mob: 98867-65126 or Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 96323-76757.

The Organising Committee Members are Dr. B.C. Ashok (Dean - Students Welfare for Autonomous), Dr. K.S. Ravi (PG Coordinator), Dr. Khalid Imran, Prof. Naveen Ankegowda and Prof. B.S. Nithyananda.

D. Sudhanva *Anil Kumar*

On this occasion, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE, will be present.

Sept. 16 (Wednesday)

Another Webinar has been organised on Sept. 16 at 6.30 pm as part of Engineers' Day celebrations through an online platform, under the aegis of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West, in association with Rotaract Club, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE.

The resource person for the Webinar on 'The Role of an Engineer in Nation Building' is **Anil Kumar Nadiger,** Managing Director, Rachana EnerCare and former Secretary of ISHRAE Mysore Chapter.

The Co-ordinators are Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna, Prof. Arun C. Dixit and Prof. R. Shivashankar.

Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, President of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West Chaya Venkatesh, Secretary Shwetha Krishna, HOPE Coordinator Dr. Bharathi Urs, will attend.

Students and general public can participate in the Webinar conducted through Google Meet and there is no registration fee.

Interested can contact Dr. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 9632376757 or Student Coordinators Nithin B. Vasistha on (89705-90407) and Saamat Riyan (91083-65016), according to a press release.

Rock python caught

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After search amidst thick wild growth, the python was spotted taking shelter under a Calotropis procera - Rubber Bush (*Yekkada gida* in Kannada). Snake Shyam and Suryakeerthi successfully pulled out the snake and displayed the reptile before the public for some time. The snake will be released to nearby forest.

Snake Shyam told *Star of Mysore* that it was his 36,100th catch. "My counted catch is 36,100 but uncounted snake catches have reached 75,000," he said and added that it was his 15th python catch in the last six to seven years.

Shyam said that due to heavy rain, the snake would have entered the city through a drain and got lost in residential areas.

Indian Rock Python (Python molurus), commonly recognised as Indian Python, is considered as one among the list of larger size non-venomous snakes which is widely distributed all through Indian subcontinent. Usually nocturnal, it is commonly found on the ground or dangling from a tree branch, resting or waiting to ambush prey, camouflaged well by its markings.

Traditional Dasara 2020 with a digital touch

- One COVID-19 Warrior to open Dasara on Oct. 17, four to be felicitated
- Live-streaming of Palace programmes; Abhimanyu to carry Golden Howdah

Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, along with Kannada & Culture and Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi, chairing Dasara Executive Committee Meeting in city last evening.

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (MK&SSV)- With COVID-19 spread threat looming large, this year's annual Dasara cultural programmes to be held against the backdrop of illuminated Mysore Palace will be streamed live through social media to avoid crowding of people at the venue.

This was one among the several decisions taken at the Dasara Executive Committee Meeting chaired by Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar along with Kannada and Culture and Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi in city last evening.

Giving a break to the practice of having three to four cultural events on a single day at the Palace venue all these years, it has been decided to have only one programme by an individual or a group of artistes of State, National or international repute. These programmes will be live-streamed on various social media platforms.

All the nine days

Briefing reporters after the meeting, the Minister said that the cultural events, this time, will be restricted only to Palace and atop the Chamundi Hill but they will be held on all the nine days of the festival. While devotion-based programmes are planned at Chamundi Hill, the Palace will be the venue for music programme of three-hour duration by an artiste or by a troupe.

COVID guidelines issued by the Union Health Ministry will be strictly followed. The Government has sought permission to allow 2,000 spectators inside the Palace premises (adhering to social distancing norms) to witness the cultural events daily, Somashekar said.

He said, as decided at the Dasara High Power Committee meeting presided by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa last week, five Corona Warriors, comprising Doctors, ASHA workers, Police, Pourakarmikas and Nurses, will be invited for the Dasara inauguration but one will declare open the *Nada Habba* atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 17 between 7.45 am and 8.15 am. The other four will be felicitated. Apart from this, a person who has been conducting last rites of COVID-19 victims will also be honoured.

Simple welcome

Replying to a question, Somashekar said the Dasara elephants will be accorded a warm welcome in a simple manner without any fanfare in front of Mysore Palace on Oct. 2 at 12.18 pm. Fifty persons are allowed to be present at the spot to receive the only batch of five elephants. Only a couple of senior officials and elected representatives will be present to welcome Dasara elephants while entry of public will be banned.

Abhimanyu to carry howdah

Resting all speculations regarding the Golden Howdah-carrying elephant, the District Minister said the 750-kg Golden Howdah will be carried by Abhimanyu as Arjuna has crossed 60 years of age.

The CM will perform the *puja* to *Nandi Dhwaja* on Oct. 26 which marks the beginning of Vijayadashami procession. This time, the *Jumboo Savari* is restricted within the Palace premises. So far, no decision has been taken on allowing people to watch the procession. Minister C.T. Ravi has been asked to constitute a Committee to select a suitable person for this year's 'State Sangeetha Vidwan' Award.

Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi, Mayor Tasneem, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra, B. Harshavardhan, MLCs R. Dharmasena, K.T. Srikantegowda, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat, Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Alexander, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Chamundi Hill Temple Chief Priest Shashishekar Dixit and Kannada and Culture Department Director S. Rangappa and others were present.

Lobbying begins to select
Corona Warriors for Dasara opening

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (SSV)- Selecting five Corona Warriors among hundreds of Doctors, Nurses, ASHA workers, Police and Pourakarmikas to inaugurate Dasara-2020 seems to have become a big headache for the District Administration, thanks to hectic lobbying.

According to reports, pressure is mounting on elected representatives to issue letter of recommendation to consider his or her name for the rare honour. Besides, lobbying has begun from various individuals and associations pushing their candidates.

Even press conferences are being held to lobby for candidates. This has, however, forced the District Administration to constitute a Committee to select five persons.

Understanding the predicament of the District Administration, District Minister S.T. Somashekar has asked heads of Departments to recommend the names which would be decided at the State-level. He made it clear that only one Corona Warrior will inaugurate this year's Dasara and the rest four will be felicitated on that day.

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NEET exam held
at fifteen centres in city

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (MTY&DM)- Ending months of anxiety and speculation, thousands of Under-Graduate Medical and Dental seat aspirants appeared for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) this morning at 15 centres across the city. The centres in city included SDM College for Women in Krishnamurthypuram, Mahajana College in Jayalakshmipuram, Maharaja's and Teresian Colleges.

The exam was held amid COVID-19 safety measures, with students allowed to enter the exam hall only after thermal screening. Students who showed symptoms were made to sit in a separate room for the exam.

Mysuru City Police had clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius around all the fifteen exam centres.

National Testing Agency (NTA) has been authorised to conduct the exam for admission to Medical (MBBS) and Dental (BDS) courses in colleges across the country. In Karnataka, other than Mysuru, NEET was conducted at Bengaluru, Belagavi, Davanagere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Hubballi and Udupi.

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New team for Rotaract Ivory City

The installation of the new team of Rotaract Ivory City Mysuru was held recently at Sri Narayana Murthy Foundation in Hebbal. Rtr. M.S. Nandeesha and his team members were installed by Rtn. PHF K.R. Rajiv. Seen are (sitting from left - middle row) Rtr. M.S. Abhijith - DRR, RID 3181, Rtn. PHF. K.R. Rajiv - Installation Officer, Rtr. M.S. Nandeesha - President 2020-2021, Rtr. D.V. Varsha - Immediate Past President and Rtr. Y. Karthik - Secretary; (front row) Rtr. Raksha Urs - Vocational Service Director, Rtr. Karthikeyan Bhardwaj - Member, Rtr. Sharath Palaya - Club Service Director and Rtr. S. Mohan Kumar - Public & Offline Media Coordinator; (standing back row) Rtr. Prajwal Prasad - Advisory Member, Rtr. Dhanvith - Co-financial Chairman, Rtr. Abhinava Kashyap - Editor, Rtr. Arpitha Ashok - Youth Service Director, Rtr. Phani Datta - Treasurer, Rtr. Chanabasavanna - Financial Chairman, Rtr. B.N. Karthik - Member, Rtr. Madhu N. Pujar - Member, Rtr. Jayaarjun - Member.

Community Learning Centres

for underprivileged children launched

DCP asks children to utilise Govt. benefits

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (SSV)- Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order), Mysuru, has called upon the children to make use of facilities extended by the State Government and become responsible citizens of the country.

He was speaking after launching 'Community Learning Centres' under the Sugamya Shiksha Programme, organised by GRAAM (Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement), at Metagalli Learning Centre and was connected to other 8 centres through online.

He thanked the organisers for inviting him to inaugurate as well as to spend some time with children in backward areas. He wanted the kids to study well and respect the parent's hard work who sacrifice many things for their upbringing.

The Community Learning Centres aim at creating conducive environment where students can enjoy reading and learning skills till the school re-opens.

"You utilise the facilities given by the Government to study well, become good citizens and help in building nation," he said.

Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director, GRAAM, in his inaugural address, emphasised the computer skills training, spoken English training and life skills.

He said his organisation is giving the scholarships to the economically weaker SSLC students and also started the community learning centres with the support of Aries Global.

These Learning Centres are designed to make the underprivileged children engage in learning, to talk, to share, to be with the peers and have fun with learning. The Centres are functioning in Metagalli, Koorgalli, Udbur and Salundi benefiting around 200 students.

A Community Learning Centre conducts classes in 3 batches of 10 children each for two hours; Each centre is managed by a facilitator; Activities to strengthen the fundamentals of Language, Maths and life skill are conducted.

Reading newspapers, reading time, yogasna are part of the two-hour schedule; Physical distancing, hand sanitisation, thermo check and wearing mask are followed compulsorily in these centres; Home visit with follow-up of health status at home of each child are conducted.

Ramesh, Corporator and Govindaraj, a community leader, were present on the occasion. For details contact Mob: 98867-67873, according to a release.

Ph.D Awardee

Mysuru, Sept. 13- Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Chennai, has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering to **R. Sudarshan** for his thesis 'Defect Seepage Prediction in Each Phase of e-Commerce Sites and The Reliability Assessment' [Guide: Dr. S.K. Srivatsa].

Senior citizens to get pension without hurdles

Tumakuru, Sept. 13- Revenue Minister R. Ashoka said that all eligible elderly citizens aged over 60 years will get old age pension without any hurdles.

Speaking to press persons here on Friday, Ashoka said that old age pension will be made available for all elderly citizens aged over 60 years even if they do not apply.

Pointing out that the Revenue Department has details about all persons aged over 60 years in the State, he said that the Government has streamlined the old age pension mechanism for facilitating hurdle-free pension delivery to elderly citizens.

R. Ashoka

Noting that the pilot project in this regard has already been introduced in Ballari and Udupi districts, he said that Tumakuru too has been added now.

The Government plans to extend this scheme throughout the State in a couple of months, he said and added that such measures will largely help in ending the shortcomings in the implementation of old age pension scheme.

Online workshop

for Hindi teachers held

Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer In-charge, NTS-I, CIIL, delivering inaugural address of the workshop.

Mysuru, Sept. 13- A five-day online Training-cum-Workshop on Testing and Evaluation for Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Teachers and Research Scholars from all over India, was held at National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, recently.

Prof. P.R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, inaugurated the programme and briefed the participants about the activities of CIIL and its various schemes.

Further, he called upon the participants to join together to improve the quality of teaching, learning and testing in line with NEP-2020. He added that NTS-I, a scheme under CIIL, is committed to provide quality training for the language teachers of all Indian languages. Such training programmes for Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Urdu are due in upcoming months.

Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer Incharge, NTS-I, in his welcome speech, briefed about the objectives of the workshop. He said that like the disciplines of Science and Engineering, discipline of Humanities and Social Sciences too need to have tools, techniques, methods, parameters, etc., for performance assessment and overall evaluation of the students. NTS-I, with the help of such training programmes, aims to train teachers, students, researchers to learn such tools and techniques and thereby to fill the gap between teaching and learning process.

Dr. Sanjay Prasad Srivastava, Junior Resource Person, NTS-I, CIIL, compered. Prof. Beena Sharma, Director, Central Hindi Institute, Agra; Prof. Vahini Sharma, former Professor, Central Hindi Institute, Agra; Prof. R.S. Sarraju, Professor, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Dr. Rekha Sharma, former Reader-cum-Research Officer, CIIL, Mysuru; Dr. Rishi Bhushan Choubey, Assistant Professor, Presidency University, Kolkata, academic and technical staff of NTS-I trained the participants together with external experts in various sessions of the workshop.

Around seventy teachers from various Universities and Colleges across India, who are engaged in teaching Hindi and Linguistics participated in this online training workshop organised under the patronage of Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL.

All *hundis* at Muzrai Temples
to be opened once a month: Minister

Mandya, Sept.13 (Nagaiah& DM)- A day after three priests of a Muzrai Temple at Gottalu village in the taluk were brutally killed by unidentified miscreants who decamped with currency notes in the Temple *hundis* (Offerings box), Muzrai Minister Kota Sreenivas Poojari visited the temple on Saturday.

Poojari, who visited the popular Arkeshwara Temple at Gottalu in Mandya Taluk where three priests- Ganesh, Prakash and Anand, were bludgeoned to death in the temple premises on Thursday night, said that henceforth, the *hundis* (offerings boxes) in all Muzrai Temples in the State will be opened every month as a precautionary measure in the wake of increasing temple robberies across the State.

Pointing out that the miscreants may have targeted Arkeshwara Temple as the *hundis* were not opened for months, the Minister said that the Department has taken a very serious note of the incident and will order opening of all temple *hundis* once in a month, thus giving a go by to the earlier practice of opening once in three or six months. He further said that the *hundis* will be opened in the presence of Muzrai Assistant Commissioner in case of 'A' Grade temples and in the presence of Tahsildar in 'B' Grade temples.

Stating that miscreants have looted three *hundis* of Arkeshwara Temple after killing the three priests, who had slept in the temple premises, Poojari said that the Department will take measures for ensuring that such heinous incidents do not take place in the future.

Muzrai Minister Kota Sreenivas Poojari and Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda seen handing over the compensation cheque to one of the family members of the deceased priests as others look on.

Pointing out that local people have blamed official negligence for the murder of the three priests, Poojari said that Muzrai Department Commissioner has been directed to take appropriate action against those found guilty of negligence.

He further said that the Mandya Police have formed five teams to trace the culprits and expressed hopes that all the miscreants involved in the brutal murder would be arrested soon.

Pointing out that there are 34,000 Muzrai Temples in the State, Poojari said that the Department will talk to the Chief Minister on installation of CCTV cameras at all temples and deployment of security personnel.

Poojari handed over a compensation cheque of Rs. 5 lakh to the family members of each of the three priests killed and also announced that the Government will extend all necessary help to the families of the priests.

Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda said that the Police have formed five teams to track down the culprits and the Police are hopeful of cracking the case in a couple of days. Thanking his fellow Minister Poojari for giving Rs. 5 lakh cheque to the family members of each of the deceased priests, Narayanagowda declared that he would take care of the education and career of children of the deceased priests.

Temple EO Aravind Babu to be suspended

Muzrai Commissioner Rohini Sindhoori, who accompanied Minister Poojari, said that Arkeshwara Temple Executive Officer Arvind Babu will be suspended for dereliction of duty. Pointing out that Aravind Babu has been found guilty of not opening the Temple *hundis* since January and also for not getting the defunct CCTV cameras around the temple repaired, she said that as charges of negligence against Babu are prima facie and found to be true, he will be suspended for dereliction of duty. The suspension order is likely to be issued on Monday, Rohini added.

Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh and other officials were present.

Education Task force formed at Gram Panchayat level

Mysuru, Sept.13 (SPN&DM)- In a bid to cover all rural students and school dropouts under the New Education Policy (NEP) and to bring them to the mainstream society, the Department of Primary and Secondary Education, in association with Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RDPR), has come forward to constitute a Gram Panchayat Education Task Force, comprising officials from all stake-holder departments.

Department of Primary and Secondary Education Principal Secretary S.R. Umashankar and RDPR Department Principal Secretary L.K. Ateeq have issued a joint order on the formation of Gram Panchayat Education Task Force, while setting out a 15- point charter on the tasks to be carried out.

The Task Force, to be headed by the respective Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), will ensure that all children in villages aged between 6 and 14 years have enrolled in schools. This Task Force has been entrusted with enforcing the provisions of Compulsory Education Act of 2012, as per which the authorities have to maintain a Register of Education in villages. Accordingly, the Task Force members, who include ASHA and Anganawadi workers, CRPs (Cluster Resource Person), SDMC members, village leaders, School Headmasters etc., have to identify all school dropouts in villages and make them rejoin schools.

In order to make this rural education initiative a total success, the Government has asked the Education Department authorities to ensure cent percent enrolment and attendance of children in rural schools. In another step towards ensuring the success of the initiative, the Government has tasked two other Departments — Health Department and Women and Child Welfare Department, other than Primary and Secondary Education and RDPR Departments, for making this ambitious rural education initiative a huge success.

Meanwhile, DDPI Dr. Panduranga told *Star of Mysore* that although the Education Department was tasked with carrying out a survey of school dropouts earlier, the initiative did not see much success due to various reasons. Now the Government has sought to ensure success by engaging other Departments such as RDPR for carrying out the task.

The Government has also constituted a Task Force for the purpose of conducting a survey of school dropouts and to ensure that all school dropouts in rural areas are enrolled in schools and attend classes, he pointed out.

World Folk-Day celebrated

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (MTY&SD)- Marking World Folk-Day, Kannada Janapada Parishat had organised a function at Institute of Engineers here yesterday.

On the occasion, folk singers Amma Ramachandra, Pannaga Vijayakumar, Mariswamy, Manusri, P. Somashekar, Sumanth Vasishta and others rendered popular folk songs including *Sojugada Suju Mallige, Bhagyada Balegara* and *Tingalu Molagidavu* among others.

Later, *Sobane Pada* singer Sannamma, *Tatwapada* singer J. Jattappa, artist Nataraju C. Lingadhir, P.K. Ramu and Nagarathna, who has done extensive research on tribal people including those of Chikka Bomma and Bommi tribes were felicitated.

Speaking on the occasion, retired Additional Commissioner of Commercial Tax Helavarahundi Siddappa, who presided over the programme, highlighted the importance of preserving tribal culture and said, "In India, only ten percent of tribal population remain and others have become extinct, so we need to preserve their rich tradition. Bihar and Orissa Governments have declared World Folk-Day as holiday. This day should be celebrated all over the country and a holiday be declared."

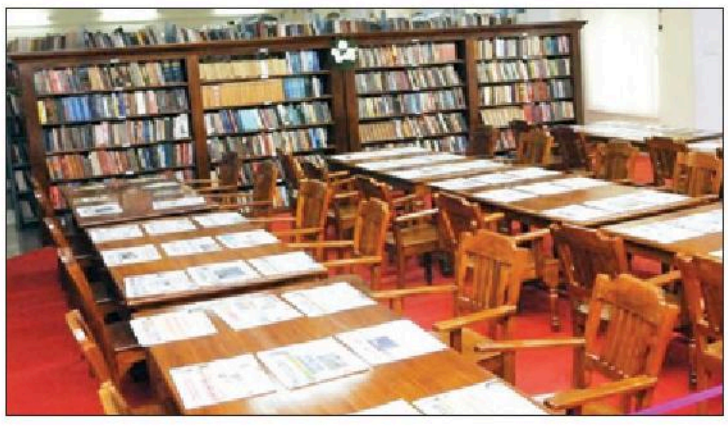
Government Employees Union District President H.K. Ramu inaugurated and addressed the gathering. District President of Kannada Janapada Parishat H. Kyathanahalli Prakash, retired Horticulture Department Asst. Director H. Hanumaiah, Vedavyasa Seva Trust President Pannaga Vijaykumar, Kamsale artist Kamsale Kumaraswamy, President of Chamarajanagar District Kannada Janapada Parishat Raniprabha and others were present.

Public libraries reopened

Mysuru, Sept. 13 (PM&SD)- Further easing COVID-19 restrictions, the State Government has ordered reopening of public libraries across the State from yesterday (Sept. 12).

While all public libraries will be open for readers, the public libraries in Containment Zones will remain closed. Following the order, all 39 public libraries in Mysuru city, including Mysuru District Central Library and its branches, Seva Kendra Libraries, Community Children's Library and Reading Rooms will remain open from 8 am to 11.30 am and 4 pm to 8 pm from Saturday. Kuvempu Mobile Library will also be functioning from 10 am to 6 pm.

Other 252 libraries in Mysuru district including Gram Panchayat Libraries will remain opened from 9 am to 11 am and 4 pm to 6 pm.



In a release, Deputy Director of Mysuru City and District Libraries B. Manjunath has stated that all readers visiting public libraries should wear masks and maintain social distancing and should undergo thermal screening before entering the libraries.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, B. Manjunath said, "As we need few more days to prepare for implementation of all necessary precautionary measures due to COVID pandemic, only service pertaining to borrowing books would be available for public in all libraries coming under Mysuru District Central Library till Sept. 16. I would request readers and students to cooperate with us."

WORD OF THE DAY

Pediculous

Pronunciation: pih-DIK-yuh-lus.
Meaning: Infested with lice : lousy.
Origin: Count on the English language's Latin lexical options to pretty up the unpleasant. You can have an entire conversation about lice and avoid the l-word entirely using pediculous and its relatives. None of the words (from pediculus, meaning "louse") is remotely common, but they're all available to you should you feel the need for them. There's pediculosis, meaning "infestation with lice," pedicular, "of or relating to lice," and pediculoid, "resembling or related to the common lice." Pediculid names a particular kind of louse—one of the family Pediculidae. And if you'd like to put an end to all of this you might require a pediculicide—defined as "an agent for destroying lice."
Example: All of the campers in the cabin had to be checked for lice when one boy's sleeping bag was discovered to be pediculous.

THE ODD WORD

Paisley

Soft wool fabric with ornamental pattern.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Par for the course

Meaning: What you would expect to happen; something normal or common.
Origin: This phrase is believed to have originated from the sport of golfing. In golf, the term 'par' is a common one. It means that each individual hole, or in some cases the entire course, has a set number of strokes an experienced golfer is expected to take in order to finish it. As an example, imagine yourself being on a golf course and you arrive at a 'par-five hole.' That means this hole should take an experienced golfer a total of 5 strokes, or swings, to complete. If a golfer successfully finishes the par-five hole with five strokes, then he is said to have scored a par, because he scored evenly with the set number of strokes the hole asked for. Because a "par" is considered to be a "normal" score and many golfers are expected to finish at or around the given par number, eventually, the saying 'par for the course' expanded beyond just a typical game of golf, and it started to be used for anything that is normal or expected.
The earliest written form of the phrase one could find being used outside the context of golf and in a figurative way, was in the Princeton Alumni Weekly, May 1932: "Whatever is to be done in Washington would better be done quickly. If the industry and business knew the par for the course people would be disposed to go ahead."

QUOTE BOX

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. **— Dr. Seuss**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

DO12"OR

Answer: Foot in the door.

SUDOKU

	4				3			5
9	6							
		3	6		4	8		
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Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	3	2	7	9	6	4	5
7	2	5	6	3	4	9	8	1
9	6	4	1	5	8	3	7	2
3	8	1	5	4	2	7	9	6
2	5	9	3	6	7	4	1	8
4	7	6	8	9	1	2	5	3
1	9	2	4	8	3	5	6	7
5	4	8	7	2	6	1	3	9
6	3	7	9	1	5	8	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Sauron's footsoldier in Lord Of The Rings
4 Nocturnal bird
7 ___ plug : starting device in a scooter?
9 Butter is made from this
12 Not mono - musically speaking?
13 Weighty
14 Begins again
15 Wireless sets
17 Roman goddess - mother of Jupiter
18 Impertinence
20 Likely, suitable or appropriate
21 Gave a signal to an actor?
22 Clamp, clasp or clutch
23 In Saurashtra, a pilgrimage site for Jains
27 Limerick man
28 Series of spirals
29 Popular girl's name - "Nan" anagram?
30 ___ Butler : Clark Gable in Gone With the Wind?
32 Well, spring
35 Jumble
37 Hankered for
39 Stop or desist
40 A medicated ointment
41 A foreigner
42 Wear away or destroy gradually
43 Required Time of Arrival
44 Secret agent

DOWN

1 Unlocks or unseals or exposes
2 Not dense ?
3 A hair style (4,3)
4 A yellow colour
5 Give play to, cause damage etc.?
6 In the ___ : ahead of the rest?
7 One pace forward, perhaps
8 Fit to be eaten according to Jewish dietary laws
10 Bird house
11 Shortness of sight?
12 Standing Room Only, abbr.
16 Std. temp. & press.
19 Draw out or reason out
21 A motor vehicle
22 Gallon, in short
23 Roman philosopher and statesman
24 Famous musical composer - "End Hal" anagram?
25 Intimation of dismissal
26 Extreme nervousness
27 Flight from the law
30 Adjust again - "steer" anagram?
31 Scavenging African animal
32 Disreputable, not quite honest - as in, "a ___ deal"?
33 Sneaky ____ : a tell-tale person, should we say?
34 A synthetic fruit drink
36 A wild animal's den
38 ___ up : occur unexpectedly or by chance?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	T	O	■	F	A	D	O	■	■	H	E	W
R	U	M	■	O	P	I	U	M	■	A	T	I
A	T	N	■	R	E	E	D	Y	■	T	A	T
Q	U	I	L	T	■	■	■	T	E	E	T	H
■	■	■	M	H	O	■	S	H	E	■	■	■
H	E	W	S	■	P	V	C	■	K	E	T	U
I	R	A	■	■	R	O	O	■	■	F	I	R
M	A	S	S	■	A	N	U	■	S	T	A	N
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R	A	T	E	L	■	■	■	N	U	D	G	E
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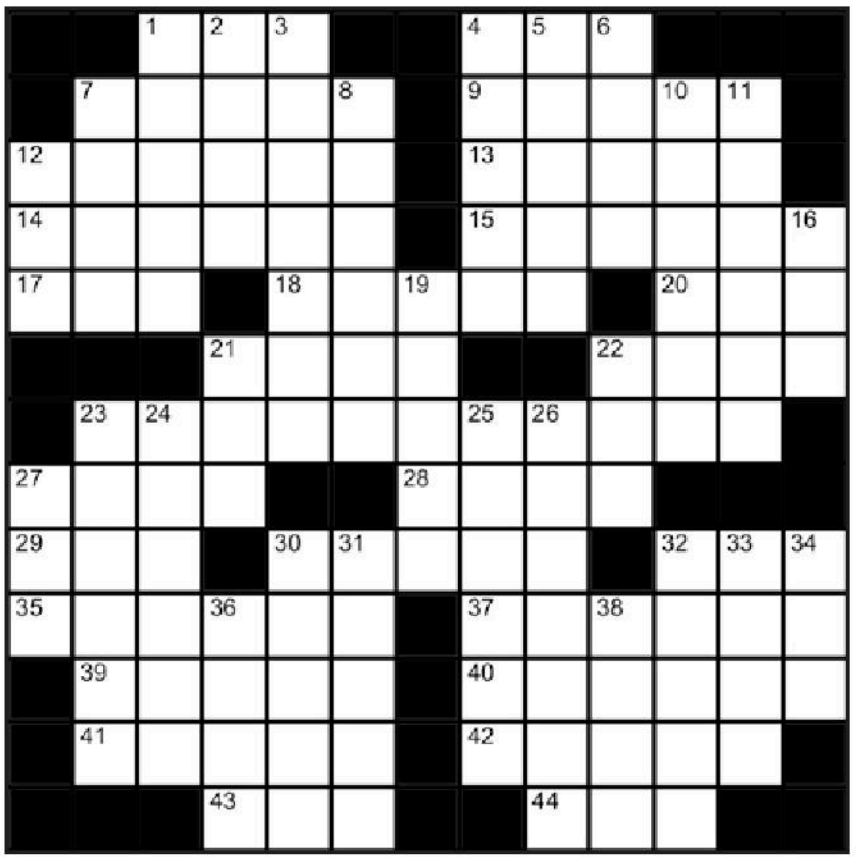

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QBB VU XIL FVVPE WA XIL CVSBM TVAXQWA AV JVSL

WAUVSJQXWVA XIQA WE FSVQMTQEX QE HWMLV

WA Q EWAKBL BQSKL QJLSWTQA TWXZ WA Q EWAKBL

ZLQS. AVX QBB FWXE IQHL LDNQB HQBNL.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

Naomi Osaka wins Women's Singles Title

New York, Sept. 13- Japan's Naomi Osaka came from a set down to beat Victoria Azarenka of Belarus to win the US Open on Saturday and clinch her third Grand Slam title.

Osaka, the fourth seed, overcame her unseeded opponent 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 in 1-hour-53-minute inside a near-empty Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadows. It brought 22-year-old Osaka's haul of tennis major trophies to three after her victories at the 2018 US Open and 2019 Australian Open.

Azarenka, 31, sprinted to the first set in just 26 minutes, dominating Osaka with an 88% success rate on her first serve.

US OPEN

TOMORROW'S MATCH (SEPT. 14)

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Webinar on 'Education Philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar' held

Mysuru, Sept. 13- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore (UoM), in association with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study Centre and Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Seshadripuram Degree College, had recently organised a webinar on 'Education Philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar - An Interface with new Education Policy.' Over 1,000 participants registered and participated both on Google Meet and YouTube platforms.

Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, Seshadripuram Degree College, gave introductory remarks and said that the education philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar is very much relevant even today especially as the Centre has introduced new Education Policy.

Dr. S.N. Narendrakumar, Asst. Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, the moderator of the webinar, welcomed the participants.

Dr. Jagannath K. Dange, Chairman, Department of Studies in Education, Kuvempu University, Jnanasahyadri, Shankaraghatta, Shivamogga, was the resource person. He highlighted the importance of education philosophy as envisioned by Dr. Ambedkar and said that Dr. Ambedkar contributed enormously towards the development of education than the upliftment of the society.

"Dr. Ambedkar said that teachers must be role models and they should teach without any bias. They should welcome all the doubts and should instil among the learners the skills of problem-solving. Both teacher and students should maintain a very good relationship. Ambedkar himself was a great teacher. Ambedkar was a voracious reader, writer and a great scholar. He would spend around 16 hours in library even without food. He would buy books from all the places he visited. He wrote around 40 books and made a great contribution towards the development of education. Ambedkar's ideology on education was equality, liberty and fraternity, educate, agitate and organise," Dr. Dange said.

He also spoke at length about the new Education Policy which has its origin in the Constitution, in Preamble. "The new Policy is very much in line with the education philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar. The Policy has lots of advantages as well as disadvantages too. But in the course of time everything will be set right," he added.

The talk was followed by an interaction session. Prof. Somashekhar, Director, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, UoM, delivered the presidential address. All the participants were given e-certificate.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 13)

Mysuru Akashavani: Broadcasting of 'PooChanTe Nenapinali' series commemorating **K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi**'s birth anniversary celebrations, Play 'Mayamruga,' Akashavani 100.6 FM, **3.40 pm.**

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP): Online monthly meeting, Dr. Nagaraj, Health Officer, MCC, interacts with the public on 'Cleanliness, the Road Ahead for Mysuru,' **4 pm.** [Members of the public interested to participate in the meeting may send an e-mail to: *mygrapa@gmail.com* before 2 pm. Ph: 0821-2515150 or Mob: 94488-55199]

Government College of Naturopathy and Yoga, Mysuru and National Nutrition Mission: Virtual Lecture Series through Google Meet, Dr. Babu Joseph of Netaji Yoga and Naturopathy Hospital, Kochi, delivers talk on 'Immunity enhancement in lactating mothers and pregnant women through Yoga and Naturopathy,' **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 96209-27472 or 99860-24382]

Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Centenary Memorial Celebration - Dance Programme by Vidu. Namratha Satyanarayan and party, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple Complex, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 14)

Mysuru Akashavani: Broadcasting of 'PooChanTe Nenapinali' series commemorating K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi's birth anniversary celebrations, Play 'Avantarada Sheenappa,' Akashavani FM 100.6, **11.15 am.**

Government College of Naturopathy and Yoga, Mysuru and National Nutrition Mission: Virtual Lecture Series through Google Meet, Dr. Nandini V. Mohan of Annai College of Naturopathy and Yoga Science, Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, delivers talk on 'The significance of Yoga in lactating mothers,' **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 96209-27472 or 99860-24382]

Former Vice-Chancellors feted

The President of Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka, along with other members of the Forum, felicitated Prof. B.B. Sheik Ali, who is the senior most VC of Karnataka, above 95 years. He is the Founding VC of Mangalore and Goa Universities, a great scholar and author of over 100 books. Also, the Forum felicitated 85-year-old Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, the former VC of Kuvempu University, who is still active with school education and promoting scientific temperament amongst school students. Seen in the pictures are Professors S.N. Hegde, P. Venkataramaiah, N.S. Ramegowda, Ambalike Hiriyanna and JAK Tareen.

Rotary Club of Mysore South East honours eminent teachers

*On account of Teachers' Day, Rotary Club of Mysore South East honoured three eminent teachers from different institutions of Mysuru at a programme held at Shubhangi Bhavan in Jayanagar in city recently. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left) **Akshatha Prasad (Teacher for specially abled students), H. Sathyaprasad (Principal - Vijaya Vittala PU College) and K. Ganesh (Principal - Sapient Education Trust) with** (standing from left) **Rtn. Veena Ravindra, Rtn. Shubha Muralidhar (President - Inner Wheel), Rtn. Ramesh Rao, Rtn. PHF M. Rajeev (President), Rtn. M. Mohan (Secretary), Rtn. Vasudevan, Rtn. Ravindra and Rtn. Ravi Kumar.***

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